

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Coach Dane Fife on leading the Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) Men's Basketball team for six years.

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MISHLER, GLICK, HOLDMAN,
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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing Coach Dane Fife on leading the Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) Men's Basketball team for six years.

Whereas, Dane Fife, the men's basketball coach at Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) for the past six seasons, has been named assistant coach at Michigan State;

Whereas, Fife became the head coach at IPFW on March 24, 2005 at the age of 25, which made him the youngest head coach in Division I basketball. The challenge was considerable at IPFW as the program had only been Division I since 2002;

Whereas, In each of Coach Fife's six seasons, IPFW tied or broke its record for wins at the Division I level. The Mastodon's first season under Coach Fife, 2005-2006, ended with a record of 10-18. The team finished with a better record each year, going 12-17, 13-18, 13-17, and 16-15;

Whereas, This past season was the best yet, as IPFW



finished with a record of 18-12, including an 11-7 record in the Summit League, and the number four seed in the Summit League Tournament, the program's highest seed ever in four years of conference membership;

Whereas, During IPFW's tenure in the Summit League, Coach Fife has had three players who were all-conference performers: Ben Botts, Jaraun Burrows, and Deilvez Yearby. Yearby was also the Summit League Sixth Man of the Year;

Whereas, Before Fife's coaching career, he was an outstanding basketball player at Indiana University. Fife graduated from Indiana in 2002, after leading the Hoosiers in a dramatic run to the 2002 National Title game and a share of the regular season Big Ten Championship. Fife was named co-Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year as a senior and finished his career as the program's all-time leader in steals;

Whereas, Fife was the Gary Steelheads' first round pick in the 2002 CBA Draft. He started five of the 34 games in which he played, averaging 3.4 points and one rebound per game;

Whereas, Following his playing career, Fife served two years as an administrative assistant on Mike Davis' staff at Indiana, before becoming head coach at IPFW;

Whereas, Fife has two degrees from Indiana, a bachelor's degree in recreation and a master's degree in athletic administration. His family includes his wife Blair and daughter Quinnly;

Whereas, On April 20, 2011, Fife was named assistant coach at Michigan State by Tom Izzo. Coach Izzo articulated, "My relationship with Dane Fife dates back to when I started recruiting him as a high school prospect, and



I'm happy to finally get him to Michigan State. His toughness, competitive spirit and enthusiasm will be great additions to our staff"; and

Whereas, Dane Fife did an outstanding job as coach of the IPFW Men's Basketball team for the past six seasons. The Indiana Senate wishes him well in his new position as assistant coach at Michigan State, apart from when Michigan State plays Indiana University or Purdue University: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate recognizes Coach Dane Fife on
- 2 leading the IPFW Men's Basketball team for six years and wishes him
- 3 well in his new position as assistant coach at Michigan State.
- 4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Dane Fife.

